

RESOLUTION NO. 12-395

WHEREAS, we the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, extend special recognition and congratulations to Elizabeth Ann Cantrell for representing Mountain Gap Middle School, Huntsville City Schools and Madison County in winning Second Place in the Alabama State Spelling Bee competition held in Birmingham the Spring of 2012. She won First Place in Madison County which enabled her to compete in the State contest; and,

WHEREAS, Beth attended Weatherly School in elementary grades, and entered her first spelling bee as a 4th grade student, taking fourth place in all of Madison County. She began Mountain Gap Middle School, John Timlin, Principal, in 6th grade where she excelled in all her advance course classes, and was a member of the Junior National Honor Society and the Academic Team. She was a member of the Dimension U Club, which utilizes computer games using math, and Mountain Gap was number one at least two of the five weeks of national competition. She enjoys taking the ACT test for practice and has scored 18 of possible 36, an outstanding score for an 8th grade student; and,

WHEREAS, Beth began playing percussion instruments in the Mountain Gap Middle School Band and has won many awards. She plays vibraphone, marimba, xylophone, glockenspiel, timpani, snare, quad, base and stationary drums. She earned Outstanding Band Member in 6th and 7th grades, and this year won the 'Optimist Band Award for spirit, leadership, character, teamwork and optimism.' This award is usually presented to an 8th grade student by the Optimist Club of Huntsville, 'a friend to youth.' The Optimist Clubs support 19 schools in the region by donating instruments for use by students and other donations to assist school band programs; and,

WHEREAS, she was recommended by her Band Director, Joel Mason, to play in the UAH Honor Band with other recommended students from all middle schools in the southeast. She participated in the Alabama State Band Festival this year where she played one solo and two duets, receiving metals denoting a superior rating in all three. She competed for a place in the Grissom Competition Band, and will be a new member next fall when she begins her freshman year of high school; and,

WHEREAS, Beth is the daughter of Kim and Eric Cantrell and has a younger brother, Nathan. The family attends St. Thomas Episcopal Church where Beth enjoys and actively participates in group activities. She has been nicknamed 'The Evangelist' by her Youth Director because of her boldness in inviting and providing transportation to bring other young people to group meetings and activities. Beth is often invited to give encouraging speaking presentations to Making Connections, a local non-profit support group; and,

WHEREAS, Beth has overcome many health and physical difficulties in her young life to accomplish many remarkable achievements. Her indomitable courage, determination, persistence and hard work have brought her much success, and will serve her well throughout her future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that we express our pride in Elizabeth Ann Cantrell and her accomplishments that have brought recognition to her and her

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family, her school, city, county and state. We encourage all students to heed your example, and wish you continued success in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 24th day of May, 2012.

President of the City Council of the
City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 24th day of May, 2012.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama